



**MINUTES  
GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.**

**Virtual and In-Person at Administrative Office, 138 S. Brandon Rd., Fallbrook**

In accordance with California Government Code Section 54953 teleconferencing was used for this meeting. Board members, staff and members of the public were able to participate by webinar and members of the public were also able to participate by telephone.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Howard Salmon called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

In attendance: Committee Members Howard Salmon and Stephanie Ortiz. CEO Rachel Mason, Executive Assistant Linda Bannerman, Wellness Center Administrator Theresa Geracitano, Administrative Officer Judith Oswald, and Public Outreach/Communications Specialist Dani Vargas.

2. Public Comments - Announcement  
None.

3. Discussion Items

a. Government

i. National

No updates, will strike it from regular agenda items and will cover only when necessary.

ii. State

1. Letters to Support/Oppose State Bills

Chair Howard Salmon

a. AB 2080 (Wood) – ACHD Opposes

Requires health facility sales, leases, transfer and mergers over \$5 to gain approval from the State Attorney General.

Opposition due to overburdening special districts with more regulations.

**Recommendation:** The Government & Public Engagement committee recommended to the Board that a letter be written to oppose this bill.

b. SB 1334 (Bradford) – ACHD Opposes Unless Amended

Would apply state labor law to public health care providers when a collective bargaining agreement is not present.

Opposition due to policy concerns and technical problems with legislation.

**Recommendation:** The Government & Public Engagement committee recommended to the Board that the District not act in either support or opposition.

c. AB 35 (Reyes & Umberg) – ACHD Supports

Adjusting the caps in the medical malpractice, and preserves access to care in CA.

**Recommendation:** The Government & Public Engagement committee recommended to the Board that a letter be written in support of this bill.

Committee Chair Howard Salmon also discussed our support for the seismic infrastructure funding bill AB2190 (Reyes). Would recommend we support CSDA utilizing their letter and sending to appropriate representatives.

**Recommendation:** The Government & Public Engagement committee recommended to the Board that a letter be written in support of this bill.

iii. San Diego County & Live Well Updates

No updates. Will strike it from regular agenda items and will cover only when necessary.

iv. Fallbrook Regional Health District

1. Review and Renew Committee Objectives

Chair Howard Salmon discussed the goals of the committee. CEO Rachel Mason commented that the updates that have been unfolding are strategically desirable. Having this committee focus more on Public Engagement as a community-based organization may lead us to better outcomes. Director Ortiz provided ideas on how we may engage our diverse population and shared examples of other organizations that have been successful in their goals for expanded engagement. The committee shares the expectation that this will evolve organically as development of Community Health and Wellness Center rolls out.

b. Public Engagement

i. FRHD and Community Event Updates

1. Wellness Center Administrator

Community Health & Wellness Center Administrator Theresa Geracitano provided updates on different programs and clubs that have utilized our facilities. Attendance for CPR classes has been declining and she is seeking methods to increase engagement.

2. Public Outreach/Communications Specialist

Public Outreach/Communications Specialist Dani Vargas provided updates on the social media posting, reach, and engagement metrics.

ii. COVID-19 Updates

The District is still offering testing and the federal government is still mailing rapid test kits to homes through [www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov).

4. Board Comments and Future Agenda Items


Committee Chair Salmon would like to continue to evaluate the goals of the committee.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Howard Salmon, Chairman



Board Secretary/Clerk